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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR )  
PROCESSING GRAPHICAL )  
OBJECTS FOR LAYOUT USING AN )  
ELASTIC DIFFERENCE ) **Mail Stop Amendment**  
OPERATION )

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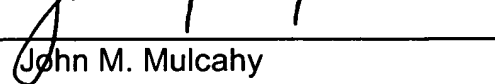
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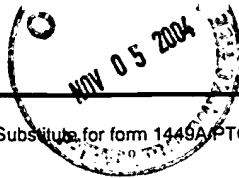
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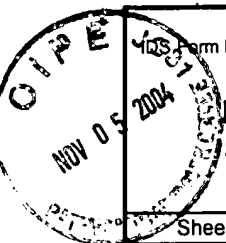
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